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26. (original) An outdoor section for an air conditioner, comprising:

a base;

a plurality of sheet metal panels connected to the base to define a cabinet, said cabinet having an interior and an exterior, at least one panel of the plurality of panels defining a dimple adapted to receive a threaded fastener, said at least one panel cooperating in the definition of a closed housing for electrical components and separating the interior of the cabinet from said housing for electrical components.

27. (original) The outdoor section according to claim 26 wherein said at least one panel defines a plurality of dimples protruding toward the interior of said cabinet, at least one of said dimples being penetrated by a threaded fastener and at least one of said dimples being closed.

28. (original) A method of assembling a cabinet for an outdoor section for an air conditioner, wherein the cabinet include a base, a first side panel, a second side panel, a third side panel, a first corner panel, a second corner panel, a third corner panel, and a fourth corner panel, the method comprising the following steps:

installing said first corner panel on said base;  
installing said second corner panel on said base; and  
sliding said first side panel vertically downward into engagement with said base and with both said first corner panel and said second corner panel.

29. (original) The method of claim 28 further comprising the further step of installing said third corner panel on the base.

30. (original) The method of claim 29 further comprising the further step of sliding said second side panel vertically downward into engagement with said base and with both said second corner panel and said third corner panel.

31. (original) The method of claim 30 further comprising the further step of installing said fourth corner panel on the base.

32. (original) The method of claim 31, further comprising the further step of sliding said third side panel vertically downward into engagement with said base and with both said third corner panel and said fourth corner panel.

33. (original) The method of claim 32 further comprising the further step of swingably engaging and said fourth side panel with said first corner panel and then securing said fourth side panel to said fourth corner panel.

34. (original) The method of claim 32 further comprising the further step of sliding the fourth side panel vertically downward into engagement with said base and with both said first corner panel and said fourth corner panel.

35. (original) The method of claim 28 wherein said step of installing said first corner panel includes the step of slipping an opening in the first corner panel around a catch protruding from the base.

36. (original) The method of claim 35 further comprising slipping an opening in the first side panel around a catch protruding from the base.

37. (original) The method of claim 36 wherein the first side panel defines a notch and the base includes an alignment tab, and further comprising the step of sliding the notch onto the alignment tab.